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Re: Eames v. Nationwide
C.A. No. 04-1324 KAJ

Gentlemen:

I have not solicited, and will not entertain, any comments other than what we discussed last week on the phone. To that end, I received Mr. Spadaro's letter and enclosures of October 14, 2005. I will gladly review the initial Rule 26 disclosures and ask that Mr. Spadaro forward them to me at once.

Meet and confer is hardly a confounding term. It means you will meet in person or by phone in a good faith attempt to reach agreements on disputed legal and factual issues, will behave civilly, identify, address, and work through the legal or factual issues, and then report to me what issues have been resolved, and what issues remain for decision. No further comment is appropriate. If either side requests my intervention, file a motion and brief schedule, or call jointly to schedule a conference. Presumably you can meet and confer and agree on such a schedule.

My notes of last week's teleconference indicate that, having reaffirmed that my appointment is without objection, the following schedule will be observed:

OCTOBER 26, 2005

Plaintiff's Motion and Opening Brief, not to exceed 15 pages;

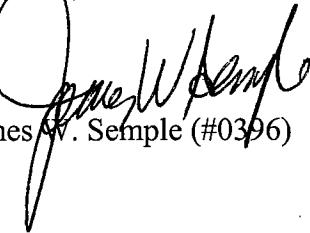
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NOVEMBER 2, 2005 Defendant's Response, not to exceed 15 pages;

NOVEMBER 9, 2005 Plaintiff's Reply, not to exceed 10 pages.

I await your submissions.

Very truly yours,


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cc: The Honorable Kent A. Jordan
 Clerk, U.S. District Court